N.R.Is. proposal to manufacture heart valves in India

3568. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a non-resident Indian doctor, Dr. B.R. Kalke who had invented an artificial heart valve at the University of Minnessota over 25 years back, which have been successfully implanted in over 2 lakh cases since 1977, proposes to manufacture such heart valves in India ; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and Government's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is not aware of any such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

Spurious Drug Racket

3569. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA :
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which published in the 'Indian Express' dated 9th March, 1992 regarding involvement of 6 top city doctors in spurious drug racket ;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ; and

(c) what action has been taken against the racketiers involved therein ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) The Government is aware of the allegations reported in the Indian Express dated 9th March, 1992 regarding the alleged involvement of some doctors in AIIMS and other hospitals relating to prescription of certain medicines to patients and advising them to buy the same from specific shops only and that these medicines are being manufactured by one of the doctors involved at Saket, New Delhi. On the basis of the preliminary enquiry and reports received, the concerned doctor of AIIMS has been placed under suspension *w.e.f.* 20-3-92 and the C.B.I. have been requested to urgently enquiry into the reported scandal.

International development agency assistance for prevention of AIDS and Leprosy

3570. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to borrow nearly $ 215 million from the International Development Agency (IDA) for prevention programmes of leprosy and AIDS ;

(b) if so, by when and how the borrowed money is likely to be spent on leprosy and AIDS control programmes ; and

(c) to what extent the leprosy and AIDS are likely to be checked in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEV SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c)